

Books of the Prophets
3 - The Book of Joel

1. Date of Joel

2 Chron 21, 22; 2 Kings 11

Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2

Joel 3:18; Amos 9:18

2. Joel's Message

I. Plague of locusts as a type of the Day of the Lord (1:1 - 2:11)

A. Devastation by the locusts (1:1-7)

B. Prefiguring future human invaders (1:8-20)

C. Day of Yahweh a day of reckoning (2:1-11)

II. Call to Repentance (2:12-19)

A. Both external and heartfelt repentance (2:12-15)

B. Nationwide repentance of all people (2:16-17)

C. Returning mercy of the Lord foretold (2:18-19)

III. Promise of Blessings (2:20-32)

A. Overthrow of invaders from the north (2:20) - Enemies removed

B. God brings rain after locusts and drought (2:21-27)

C. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days (2:28-32).

IV. Final triumph of God in the Day of the Lord (3:1-21)

A. Final slaughter of unbelievers, judgment on final dictator (3:1-16)

B. Future triumph and peace for Jerusalem and God's people (3:17-21)

3. Summary

Next time: The Book of Jonah